

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1 1 (Currently Amended). In an exhaust system of an
2 automotive vehicle, the combination comprising:

3 a collector pipe having ~~an input end including a~~
4 ~~plurality of apertures spaced one apart from another, and an~~
5 ~~output end multiple inputs and a single output;~~

6 a plurality of header pipes individually coupled from
7 the head of an internal combustion engine to ~~a respective one of~~
8 ~~said plurality of apertures multiple inputs~~ of said collector
9 pipe ~~at said input end; and~~

10 an exhaust pipe coupled to said output ~~end~~ of said
11 collector pipe;

12 with each of said ~~plurality of~~ header pipes and said
13 exhaust pipe being composed of a plurality of pipe segments,
14 ~~individual ones of which being~~ of preselected length, ~~and~~ cut at
15 their ~~respective~~ ends at preselected angles, for joining
16 together in orientation to traverse component parts of said
17 ~~automotive vehicle engine, its the~~ rear housing, steering system
18 and control installations of the automotive vehicle;

19 ~~and~~ with at least one of said exhaust pipe and each of
20 said ~~plurality of~~ header pipes having an outer diameter less
21 than an inner diameter of a further pipe additionally included
22 to surround and contain ~~same the pipe segments thereof;~~

23 and with the surrounded pipe segments having a
24 plurality of apertures spaced apart from one another along their
25 respective lengths.

1 2 (Currently Amended). The combination of Claim 1 wherein

2 said further ~~surrounding~~ included pipe is centered about each of
3 said surrounded plurality of pipe segments ~~forming said exhaust~~
4 ~~pipe or said plurality of engine coupled pipes.~~

1 3 (Currently Amended). The combination of Claim 2 wherein
2 said exhaust pipe segments are of a substantially 3" outer
3 diameter and ~~wherein~~ said further ~~surrounding~~ included pipe is
4 of a substantially 4" inner diameter.

1 4 (Currently Amended). The combination of Claim 2 wherein
2 ~~each of said plurality of engine coupled pipes~~ said header pipe
3 segments are of a substantially 2" outer diameter and ~~wherein~~
4 said further ~~surrounding~~ included pipe is of a substantially 2-
5 1/2" inner diameter.

1 5 (Currently Amended). The combination of Claim 1 wherein
2 said further ~~surrounding~~ included pipe is composed of a
3 plurality of pipe segments, ~~individual ones of which being~~ of
4 preselected length, ~~and~~ cut at their ~~respective~~ ends at
5 preselected angles, for joining together in orientation to
6 surround said individual pipe segments of said ~~contained~~ exhaust
7 pipe or said header ~~individual pipe segments of each of said~~
8 ~~contained plurality of engine coupled pipes.~~

6. (Canceled).

7. (Canceled).

1 8 (Currently Amended). The combination of Claim 5, further
2 including a steel wool wrapping around individual ones of said
3 ~~contained~~ surrounded pipe segments, about the individual
4 apertures thereof.

1 9 (Currently Amended). The combination of Claim 5, further
2 including a steel wool wrapping around each of said ~~contained~~
3 surrounded pipe segments, about the individual apertures
4 thereof.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Canceled).

13. (Canceled).

14. (Canceled).

15. (Canceled).

16. (Canceled).

17. (Canceled).

18. (Canceled).

19. (Canceled).

1 20. (New). The combination of Claim 5 wherein said further
2 included pipe is composed of a plurality of pipe segments of
3 preselected length, cut at their ends at preselected angles, for
4 joining together in orientation to surround said individual pipe
5 segments of said exhaust pipe and said header pipes.

1 21. (New). The combination of Claim 5 wherein said
2 plurality of apertures are spaced apart from one another both
3 horizontally and vertically along their respective lengths.

1 22. (New). The combination of Claim 20 wherein said
2 plurality of apertures are spaced apart from one another both
3 horizontally and vertically along their respective lengths.